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In re application of : **MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT**  
Koji MISHIMA et al. : **Confirmation No. 2623**  
Serial No. 10/827,287 : **Docket No. 2004\_0611**  
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**AMENDMENT**

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
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ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: